एल०पी०जी० सिलिंडर के स्टाक समाप्त होने पर समय पर बैंक-ड्राफ्ट जमा करवाये जाने के बावजूद भी उन्हें समय पर सिलिंडर सप्लाई नहीं किए जाते जिसके फलस्वरूप उस क्षेत्र के उपभोक्ताओं को शहर के अन्य क्षेत्रों के उपभोक्ताओं के मुकाबले एल०पी०जी० सिलिंडर समय पर प्राप्त नहीं होते; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही किए जाने का विचार है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्मदत्त) : (क) जी, नहीं। सामान्यतया वितरकों के इंडेंटों पर तेल कम्पनियों द्वारा देय तारीख को ही कार्य किया जाता है सिवाय प्रचालन संबंधी रुकावट के ऐसे समय में जब कुछ देरी होने की संभावना होती है।

(ख) उपर्युक्त (क) को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Kelkar Committee Report

2830. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supplementary Report of the Kelkar Committee has been submitted to Government; if so, when it is proposed to be laid before Parliament;

(b) what are the recommendations made by the said Committee and whether Government have examined these recommendations; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) the required details to the extent available have been given in reply to Starred Question 77 answered on on 27-2-1989.

Estimated requirement of crude and petroleum products

2831. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated requirement of crude and petroleum products during 1989-90;

(b) what is the estimated oil output in the country during 1989-90;

(c) what is the net out go on account of oil imports during 1988-89; and

(d) what steps are proposed to intensify exploration of oil and to create the facilities for the use of nautral gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The estimated crude processing requirement of crude oil and demand of petroleum products are estimated to be 50.959 million tonnes and 54.161 million tonnes respectively during the year 1989-90.

(b) The availability of indigenous crude for processing is estimated to be about 33.1 million tonnes during 1989-90.

(c) The net value of the import of crude oil and petroleum products is estimated to be Rs. 3672 crores during 1988-89.

(d) The following steps have been taken to increase the production of crude oil:

— Intensification of erploration, which may eventually lead to enhanced production.

— Use of enhanced oil recovery techniques.

— Induction of advanced technology.

As far as natural gas is concerned, schemes for exploiting natural gas potential are drawn up from time to time depending upon the availability of gas and techno-economic viability of its exploitation.

Growth of paint industry

2832. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the growth of the paint industry during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what are the reasons for paint industry's lagging behind in its performance; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to solve the problems of the paint industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The growth of the paint industry during the last three years has been as follows:—

Year	*Production (in Tonnes*
1985-86	1,39,791
1986-87	1,68,000
1987-88	1,85,175

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Demand for withdrawal of minimum guarantee from PPCO

2833. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received from Association of the Custodians of the Private Public Call Offices, Madras demanding withdrawal of the Minimum Gurantee of Rs. 500 per month charged from the custodians of PPCOs introduced from 1st April, 1988; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

Production at Bharat Wagon Engineering Company, Patna

2834. *SHRI ERA SAMBASIVAM:* Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bharat Wagon Engineering Company, Patna, gave physical growth in Production to the tune of 80 per cent and made profits of more than Rs. 2 crores during the years 1985-86 and 1986-87;

(b) whether it is also a fact that production level and the profit during the current year have gone down tremendously, if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to increase the production?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) During the year 1986-87 the total production in BWEL, Patna was Rs. 3367 lakhs which included physical production of 1885 four wheeler units (FWUS) as against Rs. 1873 lakhs which included production of 1017.5 FWUS in 1985-86. The profit of the company during 1986-87 was Rs. 231.45 lakhs as against the profit of Rs. 14.09 lakhs in 1985-86. Thus the company achieved more than 80 per cent physical growth in production in 1986-87 as compared to 1985-86.

The company achieved a production of Rs. 2961 lakhs inclusive of 1603.5 FWUS in 1987-88 with a profit of Rs. 50.39 lakhs.

During the year 1988-89 the company has achieved production of Rs. 3465.25 lakhs inclusive of 1919.5 FWUS till end February, 1989. Anticipated production during the current financial year is Rs. 3799 lakhs inclusive of 2115 FWUS, with the anticipated profit of Rs. 94 lakhs.

The wagon production during the first 11 months of the current financial year has been substantially higher than any previous full year since BWEL became a Public Sector Undertaking.

The financial value of production has however been lower primarily on account of reduction in the base price of BOXN Wagons by the Ministry of